

What is claimed is:

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1. A method which allows users to chat with each other while displaying live webcam images of more than one selected user within a chatroom environment.
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2. The method of claim 1 in which the webcam images are displayed at the top of the page.
3. The method of claim 1 in which the displayed webcam images have a uniform size.
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4. The method of claim 1 in which the webcam images are automatically assigned a position on the chatroom screen.
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5. The method of claim 1 in which chatroom users can select the webcam images they want to view while they are chatting.
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6. The method of claim 5 in which each user is given a list of other online users from which they can select webcam images to view.
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7. The method of claim 1 in which a list of URLs from each user's personal webcam is requested and organized.
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8. The method of claim 7 in which each image is associated with an individual user.
9. The method of claim 7 in which users who do not have a webcam will have a symbolic logo appear in place of their image.

10. The method of claim 9 in which the symbolic logo is updated at a predefined time interval.
- 5 11. A system which allows users to chat with each other while displaying live webcam images of more than one selected user within a chatroom environment.
- 10 12. The system of claim 2 in which the webcam images are displayed at the top of the page.
13. The system of claim 3 in which the displayed webcam images have a uniform size.
- 15 14. The system of claim 4 in which the webcam images are automatically assigned a position on the chatroom screen.
- 20 15. The system of claim 5 in which chatroom users can select the webcam images they want to view while they are chatting.
- 25 16. The system of claim 6 in which each user is given a list of other online users from which they can select webcam images to view.
- 30 17. The system of claim 7 in which a list of URLs from each user's personal webcam is requested and organized.
- 35 18. The system of claim 8 in which each image is associated with an individual user.
19. The system of claim 9 in which users who do not have a webcam will have a symbolic logo appear in place of their image.

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20. The system of claim 10 in which the symbolic logo is updated at a predefined time interval.
21. The method of claim 1 in which the setting is an Internet chatroom.
22. The method of claim 1 in which Java Programming Language is used.
23. The method of claim 1 in which there is no limit on the number of users that are allowed to participate in the chatroom.
24. The method of claim 1 in which well-defined Internet standards are used to transfer and display files.
25. The method of claim 1 in which video capabilities are added to a standard web-based chatroom.
26. The system of claim 21 in which the setting is an Internet chatroom.
27. The method of claim 22 in which Java Programming Language is used.
28. The method of claim 23 in which there is no limit on the number of users that are allowed to participate in the chatroom.
29. The method of claim 24 in which well-defined Internet standards are used to transfer and display files.

30. The method of claim 25 in which video capabilities are added to a standard web-based chatroom.

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